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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING OF RADICAL BLOC LEADERS IN GUINEA

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1. CONAKRY DIPLOMATIC COLONY HAS BEEN BUZZING WITH RUMORS OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS THAT SEVERAL "PROGRESSIVE" CHIEFS OF STATE, NOTABLY THOSE FROM FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES, WOULD VISIT CONAKRY OVER WEEKEND MARCH 13-14. ACCORDING THESE RUMORS, FIDEL

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CASTRO WOULD ALSO PASS THOROUGH ON HIS RETURN TO HAVANA.

2. FIRST SECRETARY OF GUINEA BISSAU EMBASSY (LANSANA TOURE) TOLD EMBOFF IN CONFIDENCE MARCH 11 THAT AT LEAST LUIS CABRAL (GUINEA BISSAU), ARISTRIDES PEREIRA (CAPE VERDE ISLANDS) AND AGOSTINHO NETO WERE EXPECTED. SAMORA MACHEL AND MARION NGOUABI MAY ALSO BE COMING. TOURE SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT CASTRO BEYOND THE RUMORS.

3. GUINEA RADIO MORNING MARCH 12 REPORTED CASTRO'S VISIT TO ALGIERS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE CASTRO WOULD STOP IN CONAKRY SO THAT GUINEAN PEOPLE COULD THANK HIM FOR HIS INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

4. COMMENT: THERE APPARENTLY WILL BE A CONFERENCE OF SOME SORT. PURPOSE IS PROBABLY TO PLAN NEXT STEPS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION CAMPAIGN, TO REVIEW PLUS AND MINUS FACTORS OF CONTINUED AFRICAN DEPENDENCE UPON SOVIET/CUBAN FORCES, AND--FROM SEKOU TOURE'S STANDPOINT--TO EXERT GUINEAN LEADERSHIP OF THE RADICAL BLOC. CONAKRY RADIO PAST TWO DAYS HAS RATHER DEFENSIVELY DENIED "IMPERIALIST ALLEGATIONS OF A COMMUNIZATION OF ANGOLA" AND HAS STRESSED OBLIGATION OF ALL AFRICAN PATRIOTS TO SOVIET AND CUBAN BENEFACTORS.

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